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2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1	Relating to: declaring July 22 as Hmong Appreciation Day.
2	Whereas, the Hmong, once an agrarian community from the mountainous
3	regions of northern Laos, were recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency to fight
4	for American interests, and thousands of Hmong men and young boys fought bravely
5	alongside Americans; and
6	Whereas, the primary missions of the Hmong were to rescue downed American
7	pilots, gather intelligence, safeguard (the radar installations, and conduct both
8	guerrilla and conventional combat; and
9	Whereas, when Americans withdrew from Vietnam in the early 1970s, the
10	Hmong were left to face the vengeance of communist Lao and Vietnamese
11	governments, who sought to destroy Hmong in retaliation for their support of the
12	Musi, and United States
13	Whereas, many Hmong fled Laos to live in refugee camps in Thailand and then
14	settled in the the and other countries, of which more than 250,000 are living in the
15	W.S.; and

Whereas, Yang Chee, President of the Lao-Hmong American Coalition
(LHAC), the organization that initiated this effort said, "One of the LHAC's primary
goals is to have a federally sanctioned recognition day in honor of the more than
35,000 men and women who sacrificed their lives during the war to defend freedom
and democracy." The designated recognition day of July 22 was derived from the first
formal United States recognition event hosted by the LHAC on July 22, 1995, in
Golden, Colorado. That national event formally acknowledged surviving veterans
by awarding them Congressional Citations and Vietnam Veterans National medals
for their heroic contributions on behalf of the during the Vietnam War
Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
Wisconsin legislature declare July 22 as Hmong Appreciation Day for their heroic
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contributions on behalf of the Congress during the Vietnam War and urge Congress to establish July 22 as Hmong Recognition Day throughout the United States; and,
contributions on behalf of the during the Vietnam War and urge Congress to establish July 22 as Hmong Recognition Day throughout the United States; and, be it further
contributions on behalf of the during the Vietnam War and urge Congress to establish July 22 as Hmong Recognition Day throughout the United States; and, be it further *Resolved, That* the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint

of this joint resolution by the 2001 legislature of the state of Wisconsin.



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Relating to: declaring July 22 Hmong Appreciation Day.

Whereas, the Hmong, once an agrarian community from the mountainous regions of northern Laos, were recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency to fight for American interests, and thousands of Hmong men and young boys fought bravely alongside Americans; and

Whereas, the primary missions of the Hmong were to rescue downed American pilots, gather intelligence, safeguard U.S. radar installations, and conduct both guerrilla and conventional combat; and

Whereas, when Americans withdrew from Vietnam in the early 1970s, the Hmong were left to face the vengeance of communist Lao and Vietnamese governments, who sought to destroy Hmong in retaliation for their support of the United States; and

Whereas, many Hmong fled Laos to live in refugee camps in Thailand and then settled in the United States and other countries, of which more than 250,000 are living in the United States; and

coalition that

Whereas, Yang Chee, president of the Lao-Hmong American Coalition (LHAC), the organization that initiated this effort, said "One of the LHAC's primary goals is to have a federally sanctioned recognition day in honor of the more than 35,000 men and women who sacrificed their lives during the war to defend freedom and democracy." The designated recognition day of July 22 was derived from the first formal United States recognition event hosted by the HHAC on July 22, 1995, in Golden, Colorado. That national event formally acknowledged surviving veterans by awarding them congressional citations and Vietnam veterans national medals for their heroic contributions on behalf of the United States during the Vietnam War; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring. That the members of the Wisconsin legislature declare July 22 as "Hmong Appreciation Day" for their heroic contributions on behalf of the United States during the Vietnam War and urge Congress to establish July 22 as Hmong Recognition Day throughout the United States; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to the LHAC, to the president and secretary of the U.S. senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S. house of representatives, and to each member of the congressional delegation from this state attesting the adoption of this joint resolution by the 2001 legislature of the state of Wisconsin.

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2	Whereas, the Hmong-Lao, once an agrarian community from the mountainous
3	regions of northern Laos, were recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency to fight
4	for American interests, and thousands of Hmong-Lao men and young boys fought
5	bravely alongside Americans; and
6	Whereas, the primary missions of the Hmong-Lao were to rescue downed
7	American pilots, gather intelligence, safeguard U.S. radar installations, and conduct
8	both guerrilla and conventional combat; and
9	Whereas, when Americans withdrew from Vietnam in the early 1970s, the
10	Hmong-Lao were left to face the vengeance of communist Lao and Vietnamese
11	governments, who sought to destroy Hmong–Lao in retaliation for their support of
12	the United States; and
13	Whereas, many Hmong–Lao fled Laos to live in refugee camps in Thailand and
14	then settled in the United States and other countries, of which more than 250,000

Relating to: declaring May 14 Hmong-Lao Appreciation Day.

Whereas, General Vang Pao and other Hmong—Lao soldiers and people in Laos first fled Laos on May 14, 1975, to Thailand and then resettled in the United States and other countries. There are estimated to be 500,000 Hmong and Lao Americans in the United States in 2002. These numbers include the refugees who came from Laos and Thailand and the subsequent children born to these refugees in the United states in the last 26 years; and

Whereas, the United States Government and Hmong and Lao soldiers and people worked together to defend peace security, freedom, and democracy for the United States and the rest of the free world during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas after the conclusion of the Vietnam War, thousands of Hmong and Lao soldiers were arrested, imprisoned, and killed by the communist Lao and Vietnamese governments; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature declare May 14 "Hmong-Lao Appreciation Day" for their heroic contributions on behalf of the United States during the Vietnam War and urge Congress to establish May 14 as Hmong-Lao Recognition Day throughout the United States; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to the Lao Veterans of Wisconsin, to the president and secretary of the U.S. senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S. house of representatives, and to each member of the congressional delegation from this state attesting the adoption of this joint resolution by the 2001 legislature of the state of Wisconsin.

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